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JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHING COMPANY having received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful printing types, will execute orders to any extent with neatness and despatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

THE DISTRICT ELECTION.

Dr. Dickson has been returned by the electors of the Victoria District to the House of Assembly. The contest was much closer than was generally expected, the favorite candidate, Mr. Cruickshank, being defeated by six of a majority. Dull was the election throughout, it was to a certain degree instructive. It showed the public pretty nearly the exact feeling of the voters of the District on the question of free port or tariff.

If we take the combined votes of Messrs. Cruickshank and Dickson as representing the system of direct taxation, we find that three-fourths of the constituency are in favor of free port, and the other one-fourth (the votes polled by Mr. McDowell) for its abrogation.

Mr. McDowell's supporters were, however, principally farmers—the majority, we believe, of the working farmers of the District—and it is therefore fair to conclude that as a class the agriculturists are not enamored of exclusively direct taxation. Mr. McDowell's defeat is easily enough understood; but the position of Mr. Cruickshank, who was certainly personally the most popular of the three candidates, requires a little more explanation. Mr. Cruickshank held generally the same political views as his opponent, Dr. Dickson, but he had, in his recent resignation, damaged himself very much politically. What with this and having fallen into rather unpopular hands, it was not surprising that he should have been defeated. It is a defeat, however, that we hope will result in good; for it will teach a certain class of used-up politicians the valuable lesson of humility. It will show them very clearly that they cannot barter and exchange constituencies at will—that an electoral district is a little too large for their pockets, however capacious, and for their capacity however extensive—that, in fact, their influence is baneful to the cause they embrace. To Mr. Cruickshank we hope the defeat will make him in future more self-reliant, and not so easily led away by false friends.

We have already alluded to Dr. Dickson's meagre political career, and his rather retrogressive tendencies of old; but we take his views, as expressed in his address and general remarks, as an indication of better things, and as pledges which will be, we believe, pertinaciously adhered to. We cannot expect the Doctor to revolutionize the country; to inspire the Assembly with a higher idea of their vocation, or stimulate them to those deeds of patriotism that prove a total abnegation of self; but we do expect that in every question in which the public interest is involved, Dr. Dickson will be found voting on the side of that interest. There are, however, questions, and vitally important ones; too, on which Dr. Dickson, as well as the other members of Assembly, may feel insecure and uncertain—questions that may for good or ill shape the future destiny of the country—let the members on these occasions endeavor to get the views of their constituents before giving their final decision, one way or other, and we shall probably be saved much evil and much discontent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH PANAMA.

In another column will be found an able and interesting letter from His Excellency Governor Kennedy to the Legislative Council, on the desirability of having direct steam communication with Panama. His Excellency is of opinion that if the people of these colonies bestir themselves in the matter the Home Government might be induced to go warmly into the subject. Mr. Childers, who has been recently appointed to the Admiralty, His Excellency believes to be favorable to the establishing of a British line of steamers to connect these colonies with the Isthmus, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer is also supposed to favor the project, so far as these two gentlemen are concerned. Governor Kennedy is a prominent man in the Southampton and West Indian line, and expected himself to the utmost last year to inaugurate an English line of steamers to ply on the North Pacific. The scheme was, however, part and parcel of a much larger one—steamer communication to Australia and New South Wales were ready to guarantee on their part large subsidies from their respective Colonial Governments, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer seemed to be willing to favor the project. There was, however, a hitch when the question of the Vancouver Island and British Columbia subsidy came on. The company seemed unwilling to undertake a part of the project for a less sum than £250,000 a year, or about £1000 a week. When the Chancellor of the Exchequer was seen about the matter he gave something like an assurance that he would pay an equal sum to that contributed by the colonies, but as that would leave Vancouver Island and British Columbia to pay the sum of £250,000—an amount which was stated to Mr. Childers and others at the time to be far beyond their capacity—the negotiations came to a termination. There is no doubt, as His Excellency truly remarks, that the present is a most opportune period for bringing the matter officially before the British Government. Considering the enormous nature of such a subsidy as that demanded of us, the English Cabinet might throw the self-supporting dogma over for once, especially in a matter where they themselves are so vitally concerned, and give us the necessary assistance. At all events we can lose nothing by putting our case clearly before the Imperial authorities, and showing them that we are willing to contribute in proportion to our means, but of course only in a fair proportion. The community is indebted to His Excellency for taking this desirable step, and we only hope that something tangible will grow out of it.

Storage—Notice.

THE BOXES, TRUNKS, NESTED TUBS, WARDROBES, and other articles (not directed or marked), will be sold for storage if not removed six weeks from date of storage.

At 10 o'clock, M., September 17th, 1864.

W. H. POSTELL.

READING ROOM.

VICTORIA LIBRARY,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

Subscription, - - - \$1 per month.

For list of Magazines and Papers acquire at the Reading Room of

D. SPENCER, Proprietor.

Notice to Mariners.

BEACONS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED

at the mouth of the Fraser River. Notice is hereby given that the said beacons are not intended to mark the navigable waters of the channel, but to indicate the locality of the buoy.

Each beacon is a lighted buoy, and is to be known from the color of the buoy it represents.

Up to the date there are two beacons—one on the South Land Head and one on the Spit at the Red Top Bay.

JAMES COOPER, Harbor Master.

September 19th, 1864.

Wanted.

A MARRIED COUPLE TO TAKE

charge of a house inhabited by two gentlemen. Free board and lodging, and liberal wages given. Inexpensive references required.

Apply at the office of this paper.

Passage

—TO—

New Zealand and Australia, \$100.

The first class fast sailing barque

"KONG OSCAR,"

120 TONS BERTON, WILL

sail immediately from Victoria to Antwerp, on the 1st of October. Has good accommodations.

Apply to

ANDERSON & CO. Store street.

CAPTAIN M. L. LEE, On board.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice,

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Abraham Blackman, a Bankrupt.

AT A MEETING OF THE CREDITORS

of the above Bankrupt, held

this day, pursuant to notice in that behalf, Thomas Lett, Sheriff, and Simon Lett, of Victoria, Merchants, were appointed Trade Assignees.

FRANKS & GREEN, Bankrupts.

September 22nd, 1864.

AUCTION.

DUNCAN & GEORGE

WILL SELL

TO-MORROW,

Friday, Sept. 23d,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK,

AT SALESROOM,

GROCERIES.

10 c sup. extra clear California Bacon Sides;

25 boxes Castle Soap;

25 " English Brown Soap;

10 kegs Dried Apples;

5 chests Black Tea, fine Congo;

5 " Green Tea;

10 boxes sup. Spermacandles;

10 kegs No. 1 S. I. Sugar;

5 cases Yeast Powder;

10 boxes Layer Bacon;

10 bags Eastern Bacon;

25 bags fine Bayon Beans.

AND, AT COMMENCEMENT,

Furniture,

AND

Books.

TERMS AT SALE.

North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Empowered by Special Acts of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital, £2,000,000 Sterling

Accumulated and Invested Funds, £1,314,000 Sterling

LONDON OFFICE: No. 3 Broad Street

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The Company will ever distinguish itself by its promptitude and liberality in the settlement of claims.

Insurance against Fire—Buildings and their contents, and Goods, Ships in harbor, and on the coast, and on the high seas.

Agents for Fire, Marine, and Life Insurance.

STEFEN BROTHERS & CO.,

Corner of W. Hill and St. John St.

Occidental Bar,

Cor. of Fort and Government streets,

at about £1000 a week. When the Chancellor of the Exchequer was seen about the matter he gave something like an assurance that he would pay an equal sum to that contributed by the colonies, but as that would leave Vancouver Island and British Columbia to pay the sum of £250,000—an amount which was stated to Mr. Childers and others at the time to be far beyond their capacity—the negotiations came to a termination.

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Proprietors.

"Tom and Jerry!"

And other HOT DRINKS constantly on hand

also, the best WINES, LIQUORS, &c.

PIETRESON'S DE ST. AUBIN!

FIRST SHIPMENT JUST RECEIVED OF

these highly prized, and most celebrated first-class Champagne Wines; a small invoice of each for Sale by

W. H. OLIVER.

CIDER! BANCROFT'S CIDER!

PURE APPLE ORCHARD CIDER, direct

from the cider press, and the only pure

apple Cider in bottle, shipped to the Pacific Coast;

beautified with W. S. Bancroft on every bottle,

a case of one dozen.

For Sale in lots to suit by

W. H. OLIVER.

Johnson Street, opposite Wharf, Victoria.

NOTICE.

THE ESTATE OF F. WEINSTEINBERGER,

of Victoria, deceased, consisting of the real and

personal estate, will be sold under the style of

WEINSTEINBERGER & SONS, Auctioneers, Agents of

E. L. LANGRISH & CO. Bankers, Paris.

All assets and liabilities of the late firm will be transferred to the new one.

F. WEINSTEINBERGER, DECEASED.

Witness: M. W. T. DRAKE.

Victoria, 19th September, 1864.

KENNEDY,

SOOKE.

DANIEL SCOTT & CO

WILL OFFER FOR SALE ON

THIS DAY,

Thursday, Sept. 22d,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.,

The whole of the unsold

LOTS

Comprised in this Valuable

TOWN-SITE.

Amongst its special advantages may be mentioned

1st. That it abuts on that magnificent harbor, the

Sooke basin, which must prove of great commercial

importance, being the centre of a district of vast

mineral wealth.

2d. An excellent road, made without any reference

to this locality as a town site, but chosen by

Government as the nearest and most convenient

route from the harbor to the mines, begins at Kennedy

St. From the wharf to the Commissioner's tent

on Leech river, the distance is 2 1/2 miles. This road

can easily be converted into a wagon road. By it

the wharves on the south side of the river are avoided

and the crossing, which will be very dangerous in

winter, is rendered unnecessary.

3d. The locality having been approved of by Com-

mander Pender, R. N., the Admiralty Surveyor, a

block has been selected for official purposes.

4th. The newly constructed road from Victoria to

Sooke harbor passes through the property, and

now connects with the Government road to the

mines.

5th. A really substantial wharf has just been built

by Mr. Titus, and affords accommodation at all

stages of the tide.

6th. Arrangements have been made for regular

steam communication in connection with Millard's

pack train to the mines.

The Lots will be sold without reserve, and every

information afforded on application to

DR. ASH, Fort street.

MR. COCHRANE, Government street.

Regular

NOMINATION!

Tiger Engine Co., No. 2.

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER,

John C. Keenan, Esq.

For Assistant Engineer,

JOHN KRIEMER, Esq.

JAMES SHERIDAN,

Piano Tuner

AND REPAIRER.

ORDERS FOR TUNING OR REPAIR-

ing of Pianos or Melodions left at the fruit store

of Mr. Sandre, Government street, will be carefully

and promptly attended.

Residence: At the boarding house of Mrs. J. H. on

Fort street.

Antler Bed-Rock Plume Company,

(Limited).

FINAL NOTICE TO DEFAULTING SHARE-

HOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

all Shares in the above company, upon which

the 2nd dividend is due, have not been paid, and

the same will be forfeited to the company, and the

Shareholders, except for the amount of their arrears

of dividends, under the same are paid to the under-

standing at the office of the company, on or before Friday,

the 30th day of September, instant.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN J. COCHRANE, Secretary.

Victoria, September 14th, 1864.

WANTED.

\$12,000 to \$14,000.

\$6,000 to \$8,000.

FOR A TERM OF YEARS, ON FIRST-

class improved property,

Address: "C. D." at this Office.

Victoria, V. I. Sept. 6, 1864.

Lake House,

Loon Lake, 5 miles from Leech River,

ON THE

New Road

TO THE

Sooke Diggings!

PHILIP J. HALL, - - Proprietor.

THIS HOUSE IS NOW OPEN FOR

the reception of guests.

Men, 75 cts. Drinks, 12 1/2 cts.

Comfortable Beds, Bed for Animals, Good

Water.

For Portland Direct.

THE FINE AMERICAN STEAM-

er, Geo. S. Wright, will leave for

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o'clock.

For Freight or Passage apply to

R. BRODRICK, Union Wharf.

STORAGE.

AT VERY LOW RATES, FOR A

quantity of goods, may be had in the lower

story of our warehouse on Store street.

ANDERSON & CO.

AUCTION.

THIS DAY,

Thursday, Sept. 22d,

At 11 o'clock, A.M.

J. A. McCREA

—WILL SELL—

By Public Vendue,

AT SALESROOM,

WHARF STREET.

50 chests superior Black Tea, in 1-3

lb papers;

This Tea has been tested by good judges

and pronounced the best in Victoria, and is

particularly adapted to the retail trade.

—ALSO—

10 cask sBilling's S. C. Hams;

12 half bbls Dried Apples;

1 cases P. M. Yeast Powders;

5 bales Straw Paper;

10 Reams fine Manila Paper;

5 bbls New Zante Currants, Ex Royal

Charlie;

50 box Candles;

10 kegs choice Butter;

40 mts No. 1 China Rice;

6 cs choice California Bacon.

—ALSO—

17 cases Looking Glasses;

10 bbls Currants.

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AT THE

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FAIR!

On the 29th Sept.

J. A. McCREA

Has been appointed Auctioneer for the

occasion, and will offer at Public

